

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 142390

12

ORIGIN EA-13

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ADP-00 NSC-04 NSCE-00 PM-03 CIAE-00

INR-10 NSAE-00 RSC-01 DODE-00 AID-10 L-02 PA-01 PRS-01

USIA-04 /064 R

DRAFTED BY EA:WLCUTLER/L-L.VERVILLE:SB

EXT. 22691 7/19/73

APPROVED BY EA - ARTHUR W. HUMMEL

CIA - MR. HORGAN

DOD/JCS - COL. DOYLE

DOD/ISA - COL. BROWDER

USIA - COL. HARRIS

EA/VN - MR. ASKEW

----- 004231

R 192347Z JUL 73

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

INFO AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

USDEL JEC PARIS

CINCPAC

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 142390

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, VS

SUBJECT: GVN LEAFLETING (PPOG MESSAGE)

REF: SAIGON 12493

1. REFTTEL RAISES QUESTION WHETHER GVN AIRBORNE LEAFLETING OF 4VA FORCES IN SVN CONSTITUTES VIOLATION OF CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT. GVN POSITION THAT THERE IS NO VIOLATION IS NO DOUBT BASED UPON FACT THAT AIRBORNE LEAFLETING WOULD NOT RPT NOT CONSTITUTE FLIGHT BY BOMBER OR FIGHTER AIRCRAFT AS
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 142390

PRECLUDED BY ARTICLE 2(B)(1) OF CEASE-FIRE PROTOCOL. WE

WOULD EXPECT DRV/PRG, ON OTHER HAND TO TAKE LINE THAT LEAFLETING (WHETHER BY OVERFLIGHT OF ENEMY CONTROLLED ARE AS OR BY WIND DRIFTING INTO THEM) IS "HOSTILE ACT" PROHIBITED BY ARTICLE 3 OF AGREEMENT AND ARTICLE 2(B)(4) OF CEASEFIRE PROTOCOL. WHILE IT IS THEREFORE NOT CLEAR THAT AGREEMENT PERMITS LEAFLETING, WE BELIEVE THAT GVN WOULD HAVE THE STRONGER LEGAL ARGUMENT.

2. AS PRACTICAL MATTER, WE BELIEVE GVN OVERFLIGHTS FOR PURPOSE OF LEAFLETING WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY INDUCE HOSTILE REACTION BY NVA/VC FORCES WITH RISK OF PLANE BEING SHOT DOWN. IN VIEW OF THIS POSSIBILITY, TOGETHER WITH LIKELIHOOD OTHER SIDE WOULD EXPLOIT INCIDENT AS ALLEGED CEASE-FIRE VIOLATION BY GVN, WE WOULD SERIOUSLY QUESTION

WHETHER ADVANTAGES DERIVED FROM LEAFLETING JUSTIFY RISKS THAT SUCH OVERFLIGHTS WOULD ENTAIL.

3. SUCH RISKS WOULD OF COURSE BE SUBSTANTIALLY ELIMINATED IF LEAFLETING CONDUCTED BY WIND DRIFT. THEREFORE, IF GVN WISHES TO PURSUE THIS COURSE, SUGGEST MISSION EXPLORE WITH GVN WAYS BY WHICH RVNAF MIGHT HAVE AND USE HIGH-LEVEL WIND DRIFT CAPABILITY TO REACH IN-COUNTRY ENEMY ENCLAVES. RUSH

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 19 JUL 1973
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973STATE142390
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: L.VERVILLE:SB
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS HUMMEL
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730722/aaaaapuw.tel
Line Count: 86
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ORIGIN EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: 73 SAIGON 12493
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 DEC 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <06-Dec-2001 by shawdg>; APPROVED <05 MAR 2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GVN LEAFLETING (PPOG MESSAGE)
TAGS: PINS, VS
To: SAIGON
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005